



# Introduction to Engines: A General View and Application to Model Rocket Engines

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# Rocket Introductory Information

- Blend of practical model information and Background information
- Rocket basics
  - Engine
  - Aerodynamics
  - Vehicle Statics/Dynamics
- “How to use the Newton’s Laws
  - Newton’s 3 Laws
- Mission? -work on the process.



# Law of Inertia

**An object at rest, or in uniform straight line motion, will remain at rest, or in uniform straight line motion, unless acted upon by a net external force.**

This is easier to write mathematically.

$$\text{if } \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \vec{F}_i = 0, \text{ then } \vec{v} = \text{constant}$$

which translates to: if we add up all of the forces acting on a body from 1 to infinity and get zero as the resultant, then the body is moving with constant velocity.

The converse of this is true as well.



# Newton's 2nd Law

- **A net force acting on a body produces on that body, an acceleration that is directly related to the force impressed upon the body and inversely related to the mass of the body.**
- Newton also explains what happens when the forces do **not** add up to be zero  
An easier way to state it is:

$$\text{if } \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \vec{F}_i = \vec{F}_{\text{net}}, \text{ then } \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = m\vec{a}$$

Notice that the equation is a vector equation. The acceleration is in the same direction as the net force.

The units of force are directly derived from this formula

$$\text{N} = \text{kg m/s}^2$$



# 3rd Law, Weight, and Normal Force

- For every action there is an equal but opposite reaction

or mathematically stated:

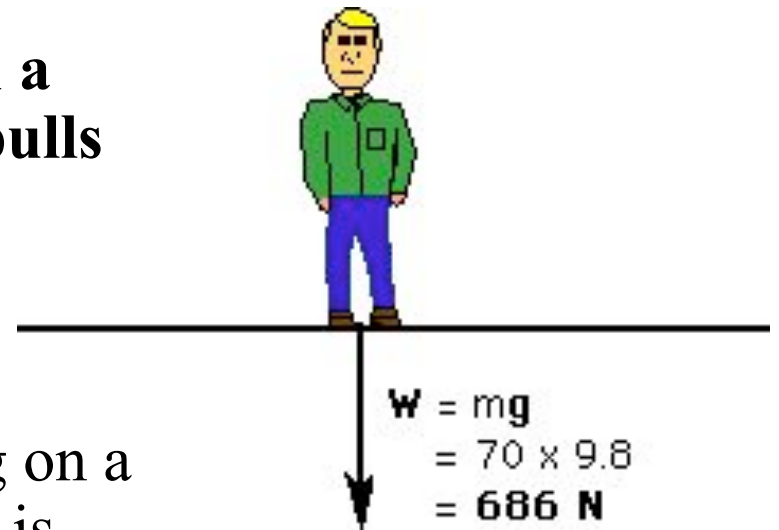
$$\mathbf{F}_{ab} = -\mathbf{F}_{ba}$$

It is an observation of Newton, that forces naturally occur in pairs

**Example: Weight - the force with which a gravitational body (such as the earth) pulls on a body**

Mathematically:  $\mathbf{W} = m\mathbf{g}$

When a person (mass = 70 kg) is standing on a floor the force that they exert on the floor is their weight





# Newton's Law

$$F = \frac{d}{dt}(mV) \quad F = ma$$

$$F = \frac{dm}{dt}(V) \quad F = m \frac{dV}{dt}$$



# Newton's Law

$$F = \frac{dm}{dt} (V)$$

Generate a large Velocity

**Move a lot of Mass**



# Boeing 777

- State of the ART
- 1990 Design







# 777 INFO

- 777-200
- Take off Weight 506,000 lbs
- Range 4350 nmi
- Fuel Capacity ~ 37000 gals
- Engines GE90, PW4084, RRTrent 890
- Thrust Class, 105,000 lbf (Peak GE90), ~90,000 lbf, 84,600lbf(PW 4084), demonstrate 90,000 lbf, 90,000 lbf (Trent 800)



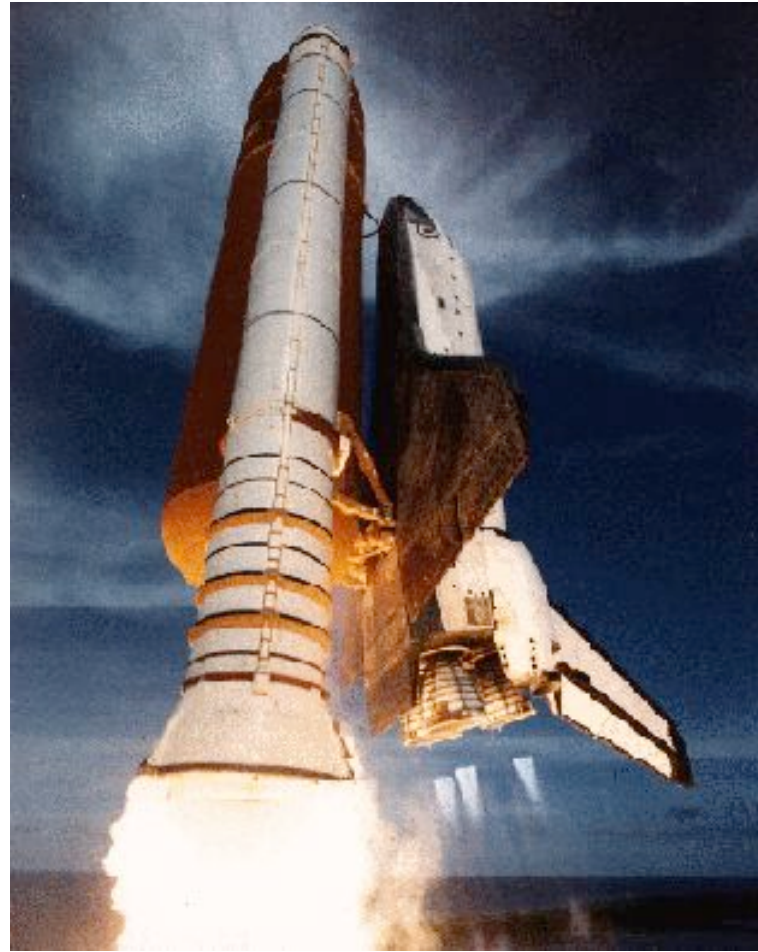
# What does it mean?

- Weight of Fuel =  $37000 \text{ gal} \times 7 \text{ lbm/gal}$   
= 259,000 lb (51%)
- Passenger Capacity  $\sim 400 \times 250 \text{ lb/person}$   
= 100,000 lb (19%) plus baggage etc..
- Structural Weight  $\sim 147 \text{ Klbs}$  ( $\sim 30\%$ ) and less



# Space Shuttle

- 4.5 million lb (~8 of 777)
- Payload capacity 65,000lbs
- 1.4 % payload fraction
- SSME ~ 400,000 lb
- 1.6 million lb propellant ( 35.5 %)
- ~ 1 million lb Solids ( 22 %)
- ~ 5.2 million lb thrust
- ~ 9 \* 777 thrust





# Saturn V -Moon Rocket

- 3.08 million Kg  
(6.776 million lb)
- 118,000 kg LEO  
(3.8%) and 47,000  
kg Moon (1.5%)
- 3.4 million kg 5 F1  
engines (7.48  
million lb )





# Reference Values

- 2001 VW Jetta Sedan ~ 4000 #
- 126 VWs are equal to one 777
- 1102 are equal to one space shuttle fully stacked
- Rule of thumb 2.5 lb thrust/HP (turbojets)
- Wright Aircraft 12 HP ( 30 lb)
- 2001 VW Jetta Sedan ~ 105HP (262 lb)





# Prep





# 3-2-1 Launch







# Need work on the details







# How to use the Newton's Law

**Thrust Force - Weight - Drag =  
Mass \* Acceleration**

**Drag =  $1/2 * \rho * V^2 C_D A$**

**Mass = Mass of the Rocket (note  
this mass changes)**

**Weight = Mass \* Gravitational  
Acceleration**



# Simple use of the Newton's Law

$$\text{Impulse}_{\text{net}} = \Delta (\text{Mass} * \text{Velocity})$$

$$\text{Impulse} = \text{Mass} * \text{Velocity} - 0$$

**Thus  $\Rightarrow$  Velocity = Impulse/Mass**

**$\Rightarrow$  Impulse can be  
measured !**

**$\Rightarrow$  Know Velocity**

**$\Rightarrow$  Altitude = Velocity \* Time**

**One problem?**



# Published Motor Data

A	1.26-2.5	N-s
B	2.51-5	N-s
C	5-10.	N-s
E	20-40	N-s

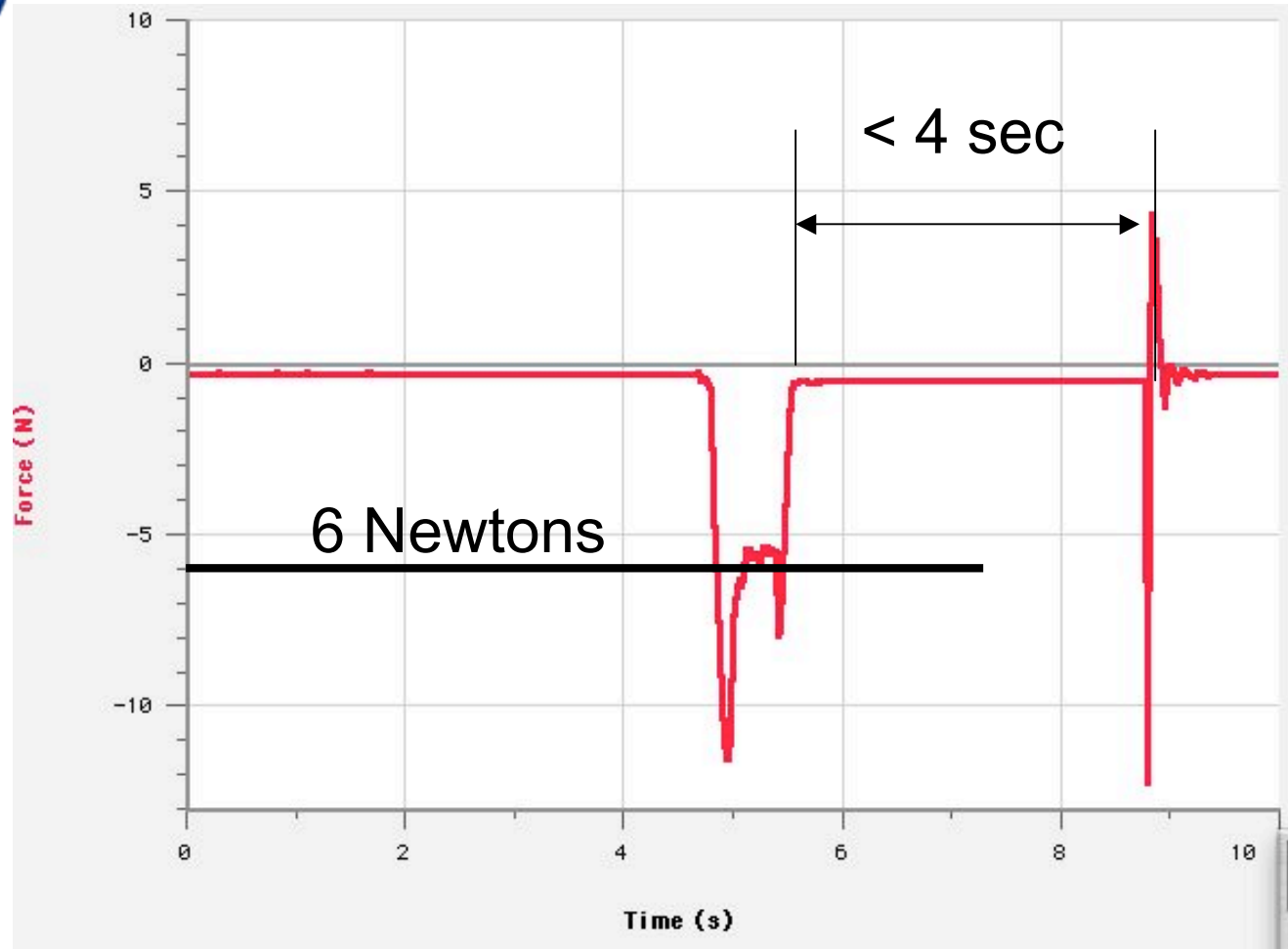
**A 6 -4**

Class      Thrust (Newtons)      Delay (sec)



**B 6 -4**

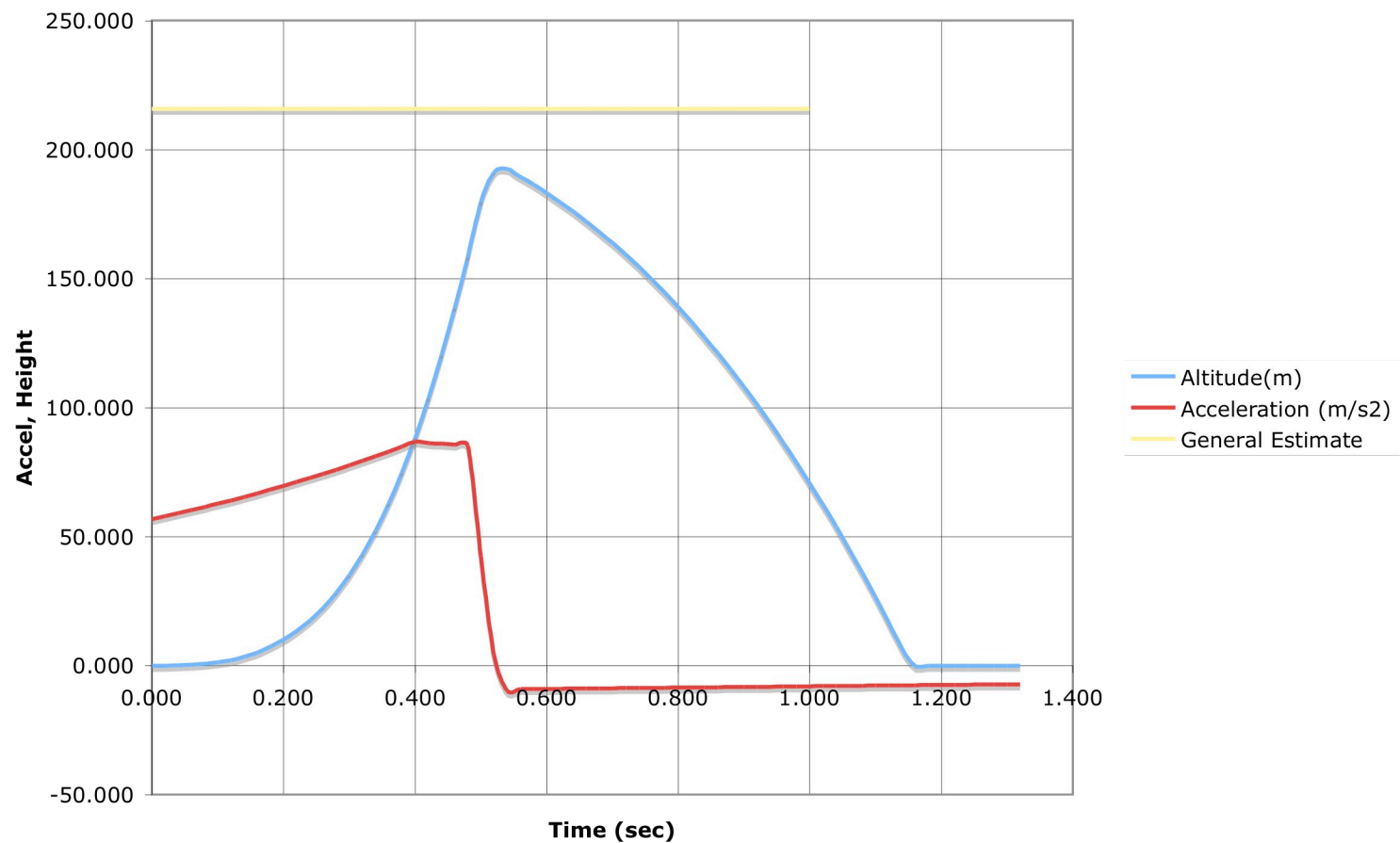
# Measured Motor Data





# Using the measured Data and Newton's Law

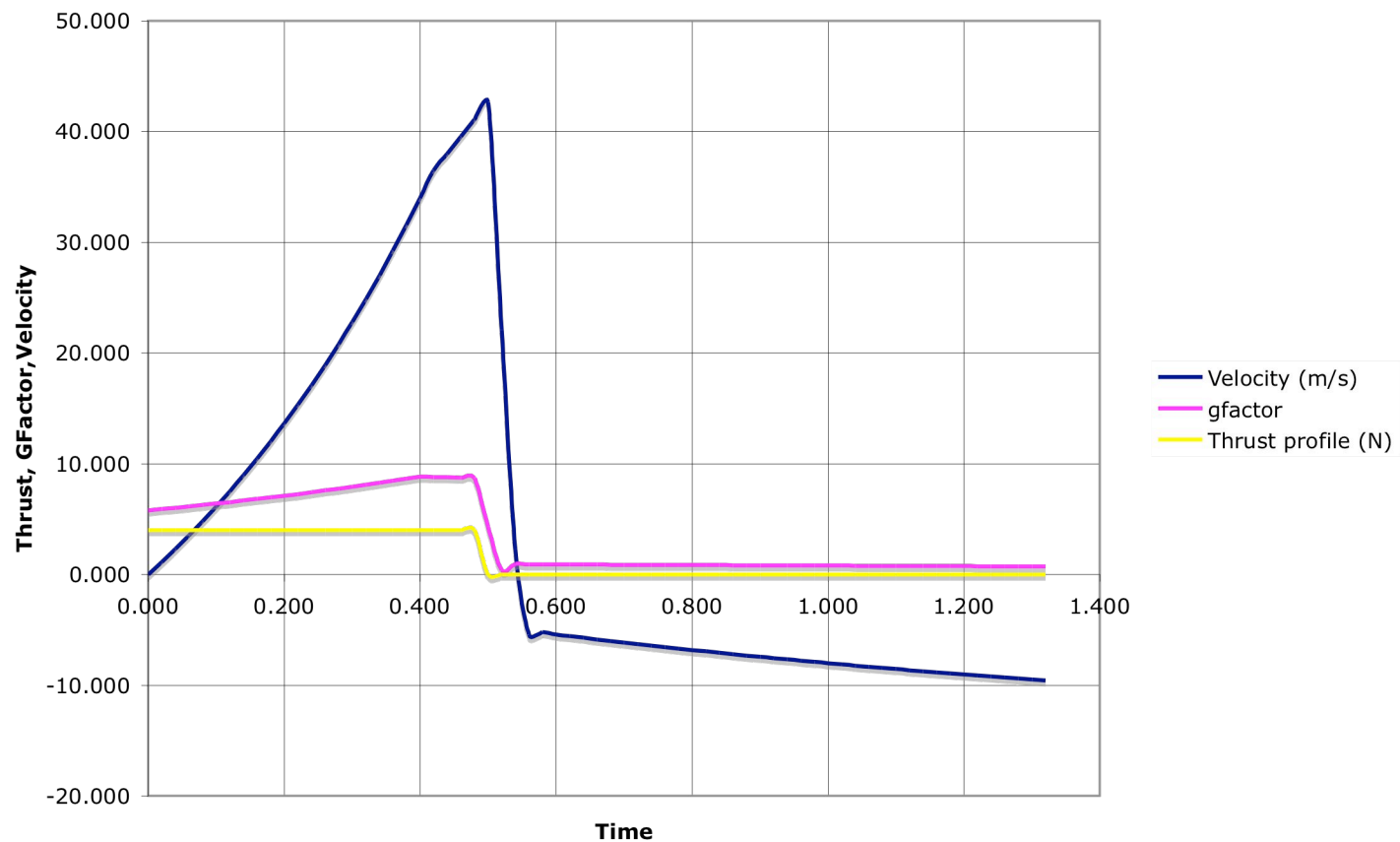
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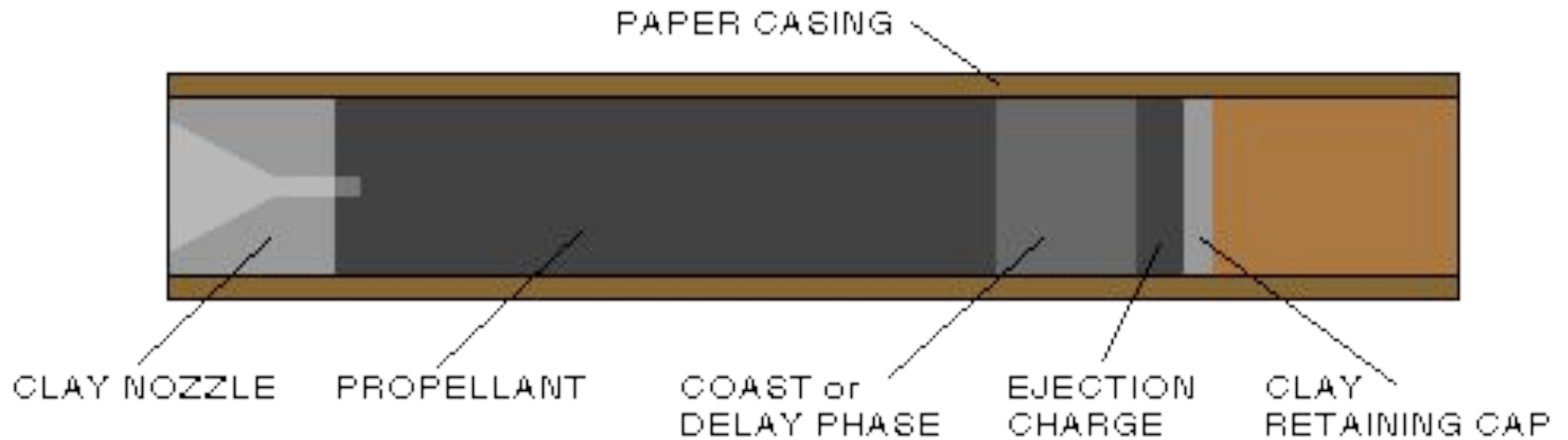
# Using the measured Data and Newton's Law

Flight Estimate





# Model Rockets





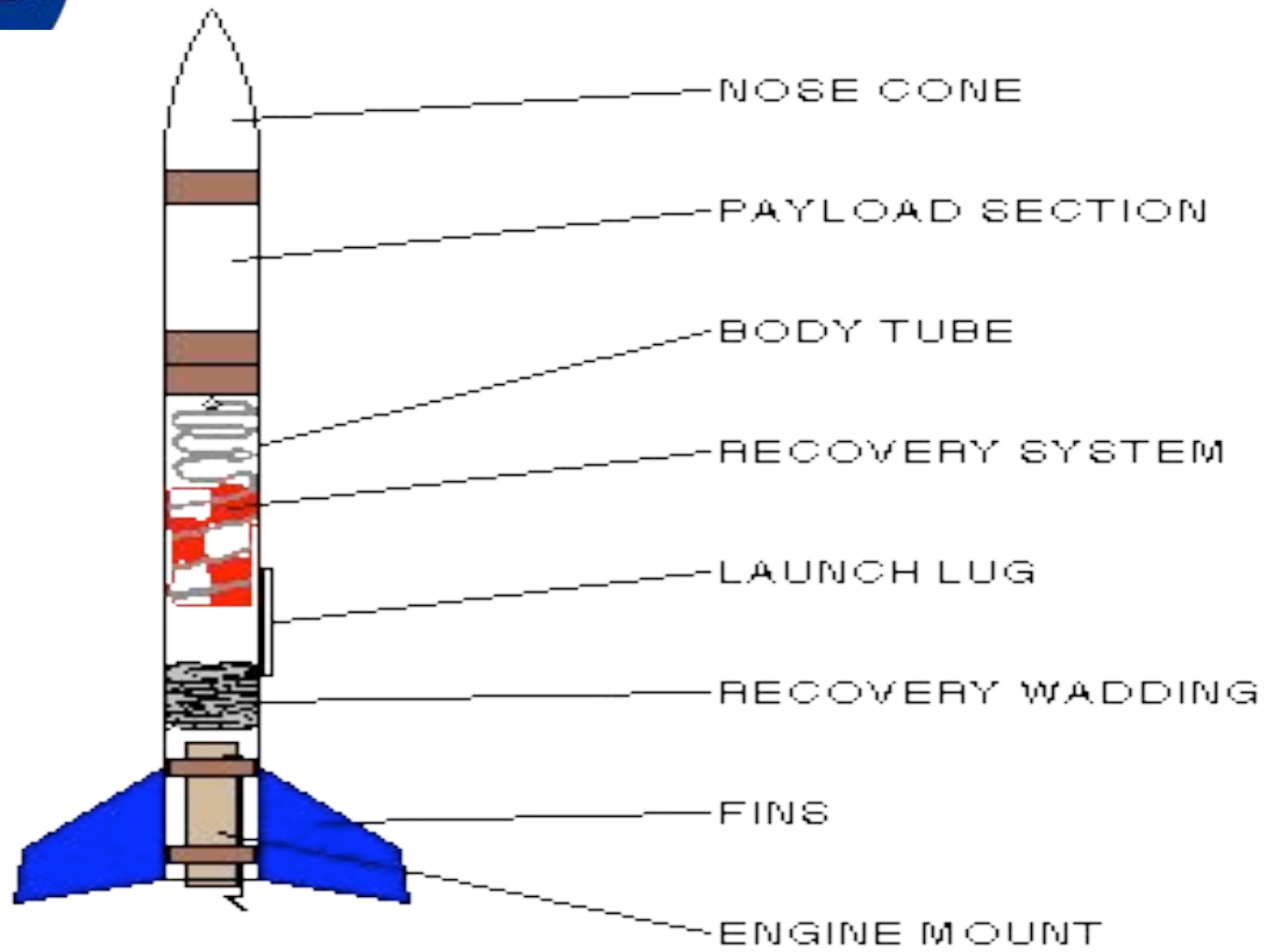
# Chemistry/Combustion

- $21\text{NH}_4\text{ClO}_4 + 10(\text{C}_4\text{H}_6) \rightarrow 21\text{HCl} + 34.5\text{H}_2 + 27\text{H}_2\text{O} + 23\text{CO} + 17\text{CO}_2$
- Ammonium perchlorate
- Note: Far more interesting than
- $\text{H}_2 + 1/2 \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}$





# Model Rockets





# Direction?

- Mission
- Team Work
- We will do the back ground work (Three dimensions, Aerodynamics, Vehicle Dynamics, Structures)
- Develop tools
- Build/Test models
- **Design Review prior to launch.**

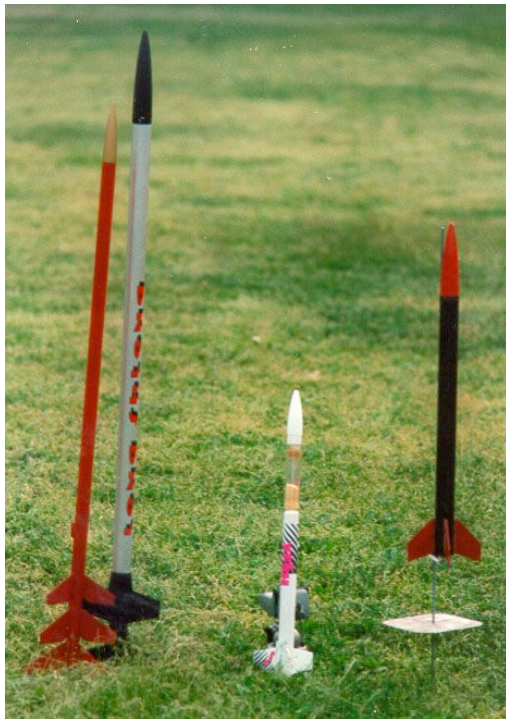


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# Model Rockets



Setup



Clear site Launch



Recovery

# Model Rockets



Vehicle

Launch Pad

Launch Controller-  
Safety switch